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I picked up John Hughes at the Talleyrand and we went to lunch at SHAPE with Generals Gruenther, Norstad, Schuyler, and Wood, Ed Martin, Freddie Reinhardt, and a number of others. We reviewed the French paper prepared for the London Conference next week.

Later in the day, Raymond Cartier came to see me. He is a brilliant fellow. He told me Match now has a circulation of almost 1,300,000, and they are thinking of publishing it in several foreign languages. He regards the failure of the EDC as the greatest political tragedy of our times. He spoke in the highest terms of the ability of Jean Prouvost as a newspaper proprietor, and thinks he has a real genius for journalism. I am writing Prouvost today to tell him how much I regret not being able to go shooting with him next week in Sologne because of the London meeting.

André de Staercke came by to see me. He was present in Brussels when Spaak and Mendès met. Mendès received an enthusiastic greeting from some of the townspeople in Strasbourg but a frigid welcome from the members of the Assembly of the Council of Europe. André's unfavorable opinion of him has deepened. He thinks he is a man without character, that he "murdered" the EDC, that his closest associates are in effect fellow travellers, and that his personality reflects his persecution complex and his intellectual arrogance.

In my own dealings with Mendès, I have been acutely struck by his feeling of being persecuted, and a resentment of any remarks contrary to his own judgment on international affairs.

Jean Cocteau had kindly sent us tickets for the opening of his play "La Machine Infernale" this evening, but the presentation has been postponed.

I went with E. at 10:00 o'clock to meet the children, who arrived tonight from Switzerland. David and Nicholas had bad colds but Sasha was well, although her appearance was not improved by a Swiss barber having shaved part of her head.

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